

## Wm. F. Byne Elected Commander At 24th Encampment of Veterans

From all over southern Oregon there are gathered in Ashland the veterans of the wars of the United States for their twenty-fourth annual reunion. Although the ranks are fast thinning, the parades of men in blue which pass through Ashland's streets are made up of men who walk with heads held high, and the military bearing of soldiers who have fought and suffered. The old familiar tunes played by some bent and gray-headed veteran are listened to with more attention than the classical selections of the most famous band.

Thursday morning the annual election of officers was held with the following results: William F. Byne, commander; James Mattingly, lieutenant colonel; John B. Renault, major; Mrs. A. G. Spencer, chaplain. The election of a quartermaster was deferred.

Practically every community of southern Oregon is represented at the encampment from Roseburg to Klamath Falls. The reunion is one of the largest attended and at the same time most generally enjoyable of any held in recent years. The Chautauqua park provides an ideal camping place for the veterans, each of whom is provided with a tent, bedding and straw tick. The business sessions and entertainment have been held for the most part in the Chautauqua tabernacle, whose proximity to the camp grounds enables even the crippled and infirm among the old soldiers to attend without inconvenience.

One hundred and thirteen old soldiers had registered up to noon Thursday, and one hundred and ten members of the W. R. C. Total registration will probably approach three hundred, as tomorrow will bring numbers from down the valley and every train brings a few more.

A huge campfire burns every night and around this the old comrades gather to "swap lies" as a grizzled old veteran put it. Old war songs, stories and reminiscences are told and retold late into the night. The weather man has been exceptionally kind, perhaps recognizing the fact that the men who once slept night after night in rivers of rain are no longer able to withstand such hardship. Cool, sunny days and balmy nights have made the outing perfect.

Twenty members of the Southern Oregon veterans' Association have answered the last bugle call since last year's reunion in Medford. Five of these were from Ashland and nine from Medford.

All of the tricks which enlivened the camp life of those long ago days when most of these men were lively boys are reenacted in the encampment. Almost every hour a detach-

ment headed by a bass drum marches upon the business district and returns triumphantly to the camp bearing a watermelon carried in a stretcher decorated with flags.

This Thursday afternoon the veterans and W. R. C. ladies marched to the West school building, where with appropriate exercises an immense flag was presented to the school. Mrs. Crocker made the presentation speech. Needless to say the sight of the grizzled old veterans of the wars which they read about in their histories, standing at salute to the flag, inspired more than a passing patriotism in the children of the schools.

### The Entertainment.

Monday evening at the armory Mayor O. H. Johnson welcomed the veterans of the city. Response was made by Colonel N. B. Bradbury of Medford, colonel of the reunion association. A good crowd was present.

In honor of the veterans, first company Coast Artillery Corps gave an exhibition drill and inspection, the work being conducted by First Lieutenant Donald Spencer and First Sergeant Millard Grubb. Miss Berna Haight gave piano selections and the large audience sang "America." The program was followed by a reception and the serving of refreshments in the mess room.

Programs were given Tuesday afternoon and evening at Chautauqua tabernacle. The afternoon event opening with the singing of "Star Spangled Banner" by the audience. Mrs. Margarite Provorse of Portland, an accomplished reader, gave a pleasing selection and Miss Jeanne Anderson of Ashland sang. The address was by Prof. I. E. Vining and was a splendid effort.

The evening program consisted of "Marching Through Georgia" by the audience, two numbers by the Ashland Choral Society, readings by Mrs. Provorse, Dick Posey and Bonice Jennings and a talk by R. C. Markee, commandant at the Soldiers' Home in Roseburg.

Wednesday morning was spent with story-telling.

Wednesday afternoon C. B. Watson of Ashland and H. A. Canaday of Medford spoke at a well-attended meeting at the Chautauqua building.

Wednesday evening, with the best attendance of the encampment, the Medford folks put on a program both interesting and enjoyable, following which the band concert attracted many. The Vining Theatre was also opened to the veterans on Wednesday evening.

Central Point is to have a program tonight and Grants Pass will conduct the programs tomorrow.

## Prohi Special Will Make Long Stay

For the first time in history the nominees of the prohibition party are touring the country in a special train. This train left Chicago on the 8th and will reach Portland on the 15th, where the speakers will address the people at the Ice Palace, where Billy Sunday and Justice Hughes have already spoken in this campaign.

The wives of the nominees will be aboard the train, as will also Daniel Poling, an Oregon boy, graduated at Dallas College, and Oliver W. Stewart, newspaper correspondents and others. The train consists of two Pullmans, a day coach and a baggage car.

One of the many speakers will arrive in Ashland ahead of the special and will begin the speaking at the Chautauqua Tabernacle at 8 p. m.

Mr. Hanly says that he does not expect to be the next president, but he hopes to make national prohibition so prominent that it will soon be realized in fact.

Ex-Governor Hanley was in Ashland on a Chautauqua tour some time ago, and has written a book, "A Day in the Siskiyou," the scene of which is Ashland. He says that when he retires he hopes to spend his days at Ashland.

Hanly, Landrith, Poling and Stewart were all through Oregon two years ago on the flying squadron and met with favor at every point.

The special train will remain here until 1 o'clock p. m. Sunday, and it is not unlikely that either the mem-

## Remodeling Room In City Building

With Frank Jordan doing the heaviest part of the heavy work, the business of remodeling the old jail room in the city hall into commodious, well-lighted office quarters for the Commercial Club, was commenced Monday morning. Mr. Jordan got back from his vacation just in time to learn that his bid was the lowest and hence most acceptable to the city council, and has plunged into the remodeling work with a vim which promises early completion. The room will be lighted through a big plate glass window, the aperture for which is being chiseled out of the brick. The interior will be plastered, wainscoted, floored and finished in tan and walnut stain. A lavatory will be established at the rear. Mayor Johnson is especially pleased over the inauguration of the work, which he says will "complete the remodeling of the city hall" which was first commenced as the mayor's pet project about three years ago.

Wenatchee Daily World. "Wenatchee is drawing some of Medford's most skilled packing-house foremen," said Arthur M. Geary, who is spending a few days in the Wenatchee valley.

Members of the party will fill the several pulpits of the city or that there will be a large meeting in the Chautauqua tabernacle. Ashland is one of the six places at which the special will stop this side of Portland, in Oregon.

## Business Men Vote To Close Stores

The Business Men's Association met last Monday evening at the Commercial Club rooms with a good attendance. It was decided to close the stores of the city on Friday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, on account of Ashland day at the Jackson county fair. The selling of Ashland badges to raise funds for the expense of the band at the fair was discussed. A business man's and farmers' picnic was also discussed.

## Ford Sees Park While Train Waits

No hurrahs, no brass band, no crowds. Just an ordinary quiet day in Ashland—one of the perfect days of which we have had so many in the past two weeks. A man who is ranked as one of America's greatest; a mechanical and business genius; a leader in world movements, many times a millionaire, slipped quietly into Ashland, unheralded and unannounced. Henry Ford became enamored of the city from his private car and was so anxious to see more that in his slippers and bareheaded he eagerly accepted an invitation to ride through Ashland's Lithia park and over the scenic drives of the city. The train was held here for half an hour while Mr. Ford was taken over the city. Ashland scored with him and scored heavily. "By George, if it wasn't for my being in my slippers I would stay two weeks. I hope we miss the train," he exclaimed. And again later: "Say, that water sure is fine. I'll bet I have drunk two gallons," referring to the Lithia water. Lithia park he described as "the most wonderful beauty spot I have run across on the entire trip."

While, on the invitation of F. L. Camps, George Kramer and H. O. Frohbach, Mr. Ford was riding over the city in a Ford runabout driven by Mr. Camps, his family and the rest of the party admired the view from the depot platform, drank Lithia water and piled Mr. Frohbach with a rapid fire series of questions concerning the city and adjacent country. The party is "taking it easy," according to Mr. Ford. He says this is his vacation and that his idea of a vacation is to be left alone. Hence the fact that the Ford party stayed only two hours in Portland. The children of the party wore barefoot sandals and simple gingham dresses, much unlike the daughters of the ordinary rich eastern tourist.

Mr. Ford himself is a man who would stand out in a crowd anywhere. Of medium height and light build, grayish hair, smooth shaven and dressed in a gray suit, until the observer sees his face no out of the ordinary impressions are recorded. But one look at that "live" face, with constant changes which dimly indicate the rapid fire workings of his brain, and the flashing eyes of genius mark him as a man who does things. With all his prominence, and Mr. Ford has perhaps become one of the most sought after men of the age, he is plain and unassuming, natural and unaffected.

## Perfectly Good Cane For Sale

Mr. D. Looney called at the Tidings office this morning with a bottle of Lithia water in his pocket, and offered his cane for sale. He said: "I don't need it any more. Until about nine days ago I was in bed with rheumatism as bad as a man could have it without it killing him. Ponce de Leon started in the right direction but didn't go far enough." Mr. Looney came from McMinnville about ten days or two weeks ago and is now able to walk all the time, although when he first arrived he could hardly stand. He commenced at once to drink Lithia water and drinks lots of it. He says that "the water or the climate or something" is responsible for his improvement and he wants to stay in southern Oregon.

The total value of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc in California in 1915 was \$32,263,844, an increase of \$6,500,000 over 1914, according to figures given out by the United States Geological Survey.

A \$15,000 natatorium is to be built at once at Heppner, Ore.

## Plan Picnic For Farmers and City

At the Monday evening meeting of the Ashland Business Men's Association considerable discussion was heard of a picnic of the business men and the farmers of the surrounding district. No definite plans were laid, but a committee consisting of Messrs. F. F. Whittle, T. W. Acklin and H. P. Holmes was appointed to investigate and if found feasible a special meeting of the association will be called and plans laid for a big affair.

## Auto Campers For One Week

The following are the names and addresses of about one hundred campers registered in the Lithia Park camping kitchen from September 7 to 13, both inclusive.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Giles, Calgary, Canada; Mrs. W. M. Schwab, Marysville, Cal.; Mrs. O. Elliott and Orville Elliott, Klamath Agency; R. B. Brown and Allie Brown, Garden Home; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Davis, Tigard, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Vivian Johnson, Evelyn and Mildred Taggart and Mrs. G. A. Taggart, all of Grants Pass; Mrs. Floyd Reiff and family, South Whately, Ind.; John B. Griffin, Kerby, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. John Way and children and Brick Rosenfeld, Seattle; W. C. Bailey and wife, Crescent City; Mrs. L. A. Pedersen, Mrs. G. C. Klander and Helen M. Fraser, all of Yreka; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. and Hazel Hackensmith and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wieder, all of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. F. DeWayne Sprague, Portland; H. B. Fuller and H. B. Wiggins, Sebastopol, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mann, San Diego; A. E. Jessup, Modesto, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Murray, McCloud, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jefferson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Arriba, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gleim, Shafter, Texas; C. H. Gleim, Palo Alto, Cal.; F. B. Noyes, Oakland, Cal.; Raymond R. Elliott, Minneapolis; Mrs. L. E. Ireland, Pasadena; Dean and Elston Ireland, Hood River; J. H. Jackson, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. James Peters and Miss Bertie Robinson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Calderwood, Edward George and Catherine Calderwood, all of Adel, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Jacobs and Fred Jacobs, Adel, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kidder and Robert and Stanley Kidder, Roseburg; Dr. and Mrs. Ed Bywater, Grants Pass; George W. Phillips, James Peters, Paul Bryan, R. O. Baird, L. W. Decker and W. F. Wood, all of Portland; A. F. Whitney and John A. Moore, Oatman, Ariz.; M. J. and Emma Whitney, Straw, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bowman, Merrill, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sedge, Dairy, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hickerson, Dunsmuir; W. Sproule and W. R. Scott, San Francisco; George Cornor and H. T. Thompson, San Francisco; A. F. Linegar and wife, Coquille, Ore.; J. G. McClelland and wife and George McClelland, North Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Dot Stuck and J. F. Earl and family, Portland, Ore.

## President of S. P. Visits Park

President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific, and General Manager Scott of the same company, arrived in Ashland from San Francisco Tuesday in a special train and spent an hour Tuesday afternoon in Lithia park.

They walked through the park, drank mineral water and enjoyed the sunshine which they proclaimed a great change from the fogs of the bay region.

Mr. Sproule expressed great amazement at the wonderful growth and increasing beauty of the park, and repeated time and again that there is no question but that there will be a great resort here.

Advance information as to style of dances for the coming winter indicates that the freak steps, twists and glides have passed the zenith of their popularity and in their stead will come dances of a more decorous and modest nature. Probably they will be just as healthful and elicit just as much enthusiasm as a few of the extreme movements which are passing, like other fads, into desirable oblivion.

## Stores and Schools Close Friday Afternoon for Ashland Day at Fair

The stores of the city will close at 1 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) and the schools will not convene in the afternoon so that the entire city may attend the county fair at Medford. A special train will leave the uptown (motor) depot at 1 o'clock and will run direct to the fair grounds. Returning, it will leave the fair grounds at 10 p. m. The interurbans and jitneys will run special trips and every Ashland car owner is urged to make room in his car for a capacity load. Fare to the fair grounds on the train will be 55 cents for the round trip for adults, 30 cents for children.

The Ashland band will enliven the occasion with music, as will also the regular fair band. Badges are being sold to help defray the expenses of the Ashland band. Every Ashlander should wear an Ashland badge and display an Ashland pennant if a car owner. Several thousand people will probably go down from here. Medford has given royal support to everything Ashland has undertaken this year and the courtesy should be returned by sending down a record-breaking crowd.

### Program.

The program for tomorrow afternoon at the fair is as follows:

Baseball, commencing at 12 o'clock.  
Two-year-old running race, three-eighth mile.  
Cowboys' pony race.  
Bull riding.  
Quarter-mile running race.  
Half-mile running race.  
Relay race.  
Bucking contests.  
Wild horse race.  
Novelty races and stunts.  
In the evening at the down-town pavilion there will be music, vaudeville, living model display, dancing, etc., free to all those who have tick-

ets to the fair in the afternoon. There will also be several privately managed dances, a "52 Camp" and other features staged downtown in the evenings.

### Exhibits.

The livestock, farm machinery and agricultural exhibits are housed at the fair grounds. The women's and children's exhibits, fancy work, merchants' exhibits, industrial, etc., are housed in a downtown building opposite the Medford Furniture Company's building. Any Medford citizen will direct you to it. Admission to both is included for the one price.

### Ashland Shines.

D. M. Lowe of Ashland has organized the county into ten districts in line with his work as superintendent of entries. All but two of these districts were in yesterday noon when a Tidings reporter visited the fair. Applegate and Phoenix districts were still missing but were expected to come in during the afternoon. Of all the entries the Ashland district far outshines the others in point of size and general appearance and seems to stand excellent chances of carrying off the district prize. Mr. Lowe himself has a wonderful exhibit of products most artistically arranged. In the Ashland exhibit a number of local growers are represented, as in every other department. The grain display is one hundred times as large as last year and every other department far exceeds any attempt of the past. The livestock exhibits are well worth seeing, and the fact that the Rogue River valley is one of the pasture spots as well as garden spots of Oregon is well exemplified. Over sixty entries were in, in the rabbit and poultry department, and additional pens were being built. The downtown exhibit contains a myriad of things of interest to women and men alike and should by no means be overlooked.

## Bandmen Report Great Outing

The last straggling member of the Ashland band arrived from the wilds of Curry county at midnight last Saturday. The trip to the coast, the Chetco Cove Carnival, the entertainment provided for the band boys, the beauties of the Chetco river country, all contributed toward a "time" which will always be treasured in the memories of the bandmen who made the trip. Owing to the demands of their businesses only about half of the local bandmen were able to make the trip, and the band was filled up to twenty pieces by additions of the best musicians from Medford, Central Point, Marshfield and Crescent City. Dubbed "Loveland's All Stars" by one of the Medford players, the band was such an organization as is seldom gathered except for long professional engagements, and the music furnished at the Chetco Carnival was of a class seldom heard outside of the largest cities. And the band boys who were brought together all turned out to be royal good fellows as well, and Brookings was left behind with the deepest regret.

At Brookings a group of forty men staged the Chetco Cove Carnival at an expense which totaled several thousand dollars, the music alone costing well over eight hundred. An outdoor dance hall, which was as near perfect as anything of the kind could be, was erected at a cost of several hundred dollars. The town of Brookings, which is laid out on a metropolitan plan, anticipating the city which will some day grow up there, has a race track and a ball grounds, a tourist hotel which a large city would be proud of, and every facility for entertaining the hundreds who motored in from the surrounding country and from points hundreds of miles away. Excellent races were staged. Ball games between Medford and Brookings were as good baseball as is ever seen in this valley. The crowd was a jolly yet well behaved gathering and the carnival a success. The Ashland band was the hit of the affair and nothing was too good for the band boys. The carnival men plan to try to get the Ashland band next year for the carnival, which is to be made an annual event. Going even further, the Brookings folks are actively trying to induce a number of the

## To Form Branch of Hughes Alliance

Walter L. Toozie, Sr., state organizer for the National Hughes Alliance, arrived in Ashland yesterday accompanied by a number of the prominent Hughes boosters of the valley and spoke at an informal gathering of Hughes supporters held in the Commercial Club rooms yesterday afternoon. City Chairman Thomas H. Simpson presided over the meeting, at which plans were laid for a big Hughes rally to be held in the Chautauqua building on Friday, September 22, at which a local branch of the Hughes Alliance will be organized. A committee consisting of E. D. Briggs, E. V. Carter and O. F. Carson was appointed to arrange a program for the rally and are already arranging preliminary plans which point toward a meeting the like of which has seldom been seen in Ashland. It is understood that they are negotiating for several prominent speakers, the Ashland band and other features. Every supporter of Hughes for president is expected to take a big part in making the coming meeting a record breaker and the Ashland branch of the Hughes Alliance one of the biggest in the state.

Mr. Toozie will be here, as will a number of other prominent men of the state, on Friday evening of next week. The state organizer expressed himself as most highly pleased with the enthusiasm which he found in Jackson county and predicts a big Hughes majority.

The box industry in the state of Washington uses more than a hundred million board feet of lumber annually and, from the standpoint of material utilized, is the most important secondary wood-using industry in the state.

Railroad construction work is in prospect at Sutherlin.

band boys to locate in their town and are offering Director Carl Loveland an attractive proposition. The band boys went over in automobiles, finding the roads fair with the exception of fifteen rocky miles up the Oregon side of the mountain. Seeley Hall of Medford took one load over from Ashland to Brookings in a big Cadillac in about nine hours, a record which the auto stage drivers would hardly believe.